

ommendation relate to:

- (i) Improvement of the Agency System;
- (ii) Financial Control;
- (iii) Maintenance, Improvement and Expansion to the National Highway; and
- (iv) Protection of National Highway System and Provision of Amenities.

(b) While the Vohra Committee has not recommended any specific amount for the maintenance of National Highways, the total rough requirement of funds recommended by the Committee for development and expansion of the National Highway System over 20 years from 1985 to 2005 is Rs. 12,000 crores at 1983-84 price level.

(c) Broadly, necessary action has been taken on all the recommendations of the Committee, subject to administrative and financial constraint wherever applicable.

Flood Advance to LIC Employees

6844. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation has granted flood advances to its employees in Sirohi and surrounding areas of Jodhpur division on account of floods occurred in July, 1990;

(b) if so, the number of employees who have been granted flood advance and those who are yet to be granted including the probationary employees; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to release flood advance to the remaining employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. All the 517 employees who are eligible have been granted flood advance. Seven employees who were not posted in Flood affected areas and six probationary employees who were not entitled to it under rules were not given the Flood Advance.

[Translation]

Demand of Railway Machinery and Technology by China

6845. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway technique and machinery have been demanded by China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to meet these demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[English]

Utilisation of Surplus Land by Port Trust

6846. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether every major port is having some surplus land in their possession;

(b) if so, the manner in which these lands are being utilised;